BEFORE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 3120		
JONAS KIM 1867 Virginia Rd. San Marino, CA 91108	OAH No. 2008050831		
Original Pharmacist No. RPH 40260			
Respondent.			
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DECISION AND ORDER			
The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the			
Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.			

This decision shall become effective on February 26, 2009

It is so ORDERED on January 27, 2009

BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By

KENNETH H. SCHELL

Board President

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13	San Marino, CA 91108 Pharmacist License No. RPH 40260	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER	
14	Respondent.		
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16	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the		
17	above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:		
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20	Pharmacy. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this matter		
21	by Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, by Thomas L. Rinaldi,		
22	Deputy Attorney General.		
23	2. Respondent Jonas Kim (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by		
24	attorney Herbert L. Weinberg, whose address is 1800 Century Park East, 8th Floor		
25	Los Angeles, CA 90067.		
26	3: On or about August 21, 1986, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacist		
27	License No. RPH 40260 to Respondent. The Pharmacist License was in full force and effect at		
28	all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 3120 and will expire on November		
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JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 3120 was filed before the Board of Pharmacy (Board),
Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation
and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on February 22,
2008. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of
Accusation No. 3120 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3120. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 8. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3120, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Pharmacist License.
- 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation, and that Respondent hereby gives up

his right to contest those charges.

10. Respondent agrees that his Pharmacist License is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

RESERVATION

11. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board of Pharmacy or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

CONTINGENCY

- Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Pharmacy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 13. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

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DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pharmacist License No. RPH 40260 issued to Respondent Jonas Kim (Respondent) is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

1. **Obey All Laws.** Respondent shall obey all state and federal laws and regulations substantially related to or governing the practice of pharmacy.

Respondent shall report any of the following occurrences to the Board, in writing, within 72 hours of such occurrence:

- an arrest or issuance of a criminal complaint for violation of any provision of the Pharmacy Law, state and federal food and drug laws, or state and federal controlled substances laws
- a plea of guilty or nolo contendere in any state or federal criminal proceeding to any criminal complaint, information or indictment
- a conviction of any crime
- discipline, citation, or other administrative action filed by any state and federal agency which involves Respondent's license or which is related to the practice of pharmacy or the manufacturing, obtaining, handling or distribution or billing or charging for any drug, device or controlled substance.
- 2. **Reporting to the Board.** Respondent shall report to the Board quarterly. The report shall be made either in person or in writing, as directed. Respondent shall state under penalty of perjury whether there has been compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. If the final probation report **is not** made as directed, probation shall be extended automatically until such time as the final report is made and accepted by the Board.
- 3. Interview with the Board. Upon receipt of reasonable notice, Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Board upon request at various intervals at a location to be determined by the Board. Failure to appear for a scheduled interview without prior notification to Board staff shall be considered a violation of probation.

- 4. **Cooperation with Board Staff.** Respondent shall cooperate with the Board's inspectional program and in the Board's monitoring and investigation of Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of his probation. Failure to comply shall be considered a violation of probation.
- 5. **Continuing Education.** Respondent shall provide evidence of efforts to maintain skill and knowledge as a pharmacist as directed by the Board.
- 6. **Notice to Employers.** Respondent shall notify all present and prospective employers of the decision in case number 3120 and the terms, conditions and restrictions imposed on Respondent by the decision. Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision, and within 15 days of Respondent undertaking new employment, Respondent shall cause his direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge and/or owner to report to the Board in writing acknowledging the employer has read the decision in case number 3120.

If Respondent works for or is employed by or through a pharmacy employment service, Respondent must notify the direct supervisor, pharmacist-in-charge, and/or owner at every pharmacy of the and terms conditions of the decision in case number 3120 in advance of the Respondent commencing work at each pharmacy.

"Employment" within the meaning of this provision shall include any full-time, parttime, temporary, relief or pharmacy management service as a pharmacist, whether the Respondent is considered an employee or independent contractor.

- 7. No Preceptorships, Supervision of Interns, Being Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC), or Serving as a Consultant. Respondent shall not supervise any intern pharmacist or perform any of the duties of a preceptor, nor shall Respondent be the pharmacist-in-charge of any entity licensed by the Board unless otherwise specified in this order.
- 8. **Reimbursement of Board Costs.** Respondent shall pay to the Board its costs of investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$3,152.00. Respondent shall make said payments in one lump sum within thirty days of the effective date of the Board's Order adopting this decision or pursuant to a payment plan approved by the Board.

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The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of his responsibility to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and prosecution.

- 9. **Probation Monitoring Costs.** Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring as determined by the Board each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the Board at the end of each year of probation. Failure to pay such costs shall be considered a violation of probation.
- 10. **Status of License**. Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active current license with the Board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled.

If Respondent's license expires or is cancelled by operation of law or otherwise, upon renewal or reapplication, Respondent's license shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

11. License Surrender while on Probation/Suspension. Following the effective

date of this decision, should Respondent cease practice due to retirement or health, or be otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may tender his license to the Board for surrender. The Board shall have the discretion whether to grant the request for surrender or take any other action it deems appropriate and reasonable. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender of the license, Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation.

Upon acceptance of the surrender, Respondent shall relinquish his pocket license to the Board within 10 days of notification by the Board that the surrender is accepted. Respondent may not reapply for any license from the Board for three years from the effective date of the surrender. Respondent shall meet all requirements applicable to the license sought as of the date the application for that license is submitted to the Board.

12. **Notification of Employment/Mailing Address Change.** Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within 10 days of any change of employment. Said notification shall include the reasons for leaving and/or the address of the new employer,

 supervisor or owner and work schedule if known. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within 10 days of a change in name, mailing address or phone number.

13. **Tolling of Probation.** Should Respondent, regardless of residency, for any reason cease practicing pharmacy for a minimum of 40 hours per calendar month in California, Respondent must notify the Board in writing within 10 days of cessation of the practice of pharmacy or the resumption of the practice of pharmacy. Such periods of time shall not apply to the reduction of the probation period. It is a violation of probation for Respondent's probation to remain tolled pursuant to the provisions of this condition for a period exceeding three years.

"Cessation of practice" means any period of time exceeding 30 days in which Respondent is not engaged in the practice of pharmacy as defined in Section 4052 of the Business and Professions Code.

14. **Violation of Probation.** If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order which was stayed. If a petition to revoke probation or an accusation is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction and the period of probation shall be extended, until the petition to revoke probation or accusation is heard and decided.

If Respondent has not complied with any term or condition of probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction over Respondent, and probation shall automatically be extended until all terms and conditions have been satisfied or the Board has taken other action as deemed appropriate to treat the failure to comply as a violation of probation, to terminate probation, and to impose the penalty which was stayed.

- 15. **Completion of Probation.** Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's license will be fully restored.
- 16. **No Ownership of Premises.** Respondent shall not own, have any legal or beneficial interest in, or serve as a manager, administrator, member, officer, director, associate, or partner of any business, firm, partnership, or corporation currently or hereinafter

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licensed by the Board. Respondent shall sell or transfer any legal or beneficial interest in any entity licensed by the Board within 90 days following the effective date of this decision and shall immediately thereafter provide written proof thereof to the Board,

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Herbert L. Weinberg. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Pharmacist License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Pharmacy.

Respondent

conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary

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I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Jonas Kim the terms and

HERBERT L. WEINBERG

Attorney for Respondent

DATED: 11/7/08

Order. I approve its form and content.

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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Pharmacy of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: 12/15/08

EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Attorney General of the State of California

KAREN B. CHAPPELLE Supervising Deputy Attorney General

THOMAS L. RINALDI Deputy Attorney General

Attorneys for Complainant

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Exhibit A
Accusation No. 3120

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11	JONAS KIM		
12	1867 Virginia Rd. San Marino, CA 91108	ACCUSATION	
13	Pharmacist License No. RPH 40260		
14	Respondent.		
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16	Complainant alleges:		
17	<u>PARTIES</u>		
	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her officia		
18	capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.		
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22 .	Pharmacy. (Respondent Tom's Pharmacy). On February 7, 2003, Jonas Kim became the sole		
23	owner. On April 21, 2004, Toms Pharmacy incorporated, doing business as Tom's Pharmacy,		
•	Inc. Jonas Kim served as CEO, President, and Secretary. The Permit was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein. The license was canceled on January		
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25	31, 2007 due to a discontinuance of business. Jonas Kim was the Pharmacist-in-Charge of		
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27	3. On or about August 21, 1986, the Board of Pharmacy issued Original		
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Pharmacist License Number RPH 40260 to Jonas Kim. (Respondent Kim). The pharmacist license was in full force and effect at all time relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on November 30, 2007 unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 4. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board),
 Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section
 references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
- 5. Section 4300 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that every license issued by the Board is subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.
 - 6. Section 4301 of the Code states:

"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

"(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

- "(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board.
 - 7. Section 4081 of the Code, subdivision states in pertinent part:
- "(a) All records of manufacture and of sale, acquisition, or disposition of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices shall be at all times during business hours open to inspection by authorized officers of the law, and shall be preserved for at least three years from the date of making. A current inventory shall be kept by every manufacturer, wholesaler, pharmacy, veterinary food-animal drug retailer, physician, dentist, podiatrist, veterinarian,

laboratory, clinic, hospital, institution, or establishment holding a currently valid and unrevoked certificate, license, permit, registration, or exemption under Division 2 (commencing with Section 1200) of the Health and Safety Code or under Part 4 (commencing with Section 16000) of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code who maintains a stock of dangerous drugs or dangerous devices."

- "(b) The owner, officer, and partner of any pharmacy, wholesaler, or veterinary food-animal drug retailer shall be jointly responsible, with the pharmacist-in-charge or exemptee, for maintaining the records and inventory described in this section.
- 8. Section 4105, subdivision (a), of the Code states that all records or other documentation of the acquisition and disposition of dangerous drugs and dangerous devices by any entity licensed by the Board shall be retained on the licensed premises in a readily retrievable form.
- 9. Section 4113(b) provides in pertinent part that the pharmacist-in-charge shall be responsible for a pharmacy's compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy.
 - 10. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1718 states:

"Current Inventory" as used in Sections 4081 and 4332 of the Business and Professions Code shall be considered to include complete accountability for all dangerous drugs handled by every licensee enumerated in Sections 4081 and 4332.

11. Business and Professions Code section 118, subdivision (b) states:

"The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by a board in the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board, shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground.

12. Business and Professions Code section 125.3, subdivision (a), states, in

pertinent part: "Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before any board within the department . . . the board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case."

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Account for Dangerous Drugs and/or Controlled Substances)

- 13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 4300 and 4301(j) and (o) for violation of sections 4081(a) and 4105(a), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1718, in that Respondent failed to provide records of disposition for dangerous drugs and/or controlled substances for the period of January 26, 2004 through January 31, 2007 as follows:
 - a. 725 tablets of Dilaudid (4mg.).
 - b. 7,183 tablets of OxyContin (40mg.).
 - c. 3,697 tablets of OxyContin (80 mg.)
 - d. 3,252 tablets of Vicodin.
 - e. 17,059 tablets of Vicodin ES.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Provide Acquisition Records)

- 14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 4300 and 4301(j) and (o) for violation of sections 4081(a) and 4105(a), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1718 in that Respondent failed to provide records of acquisition of dangerous drugs as follows:
- a. Failed to maintain and/or provide records of acquisition of dangerous drugs and/or controlled substances purchased from wholesalers HD Smith and Parmed Pharmaceuticals for the period January 26, 2004 through January 31, 2007.
- b. Failed to maintain and/or provide records of acquisition of dangerous drugs purchased from wholesalers AmerisourceBergen and Anda Pharmaceuticals for the period

January 26, 2004 through November, 2005. **PRAYER** 2 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein 3 alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision: 4 Revoking or suspending Original Pharmacist License Number RPH 5 1. 40260, issued to Jonas Kim; 6 Ordering Jonas Kim to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of 7 the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code 9 section 125.3; Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 10 11 DATED: 2/15/08 12 13 Executive Officer 14 Board of Pharmacy Department of Consumer Affairs 15 State of California 16 Complainant 17 60266368.wpd 18 LA2007601686 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

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